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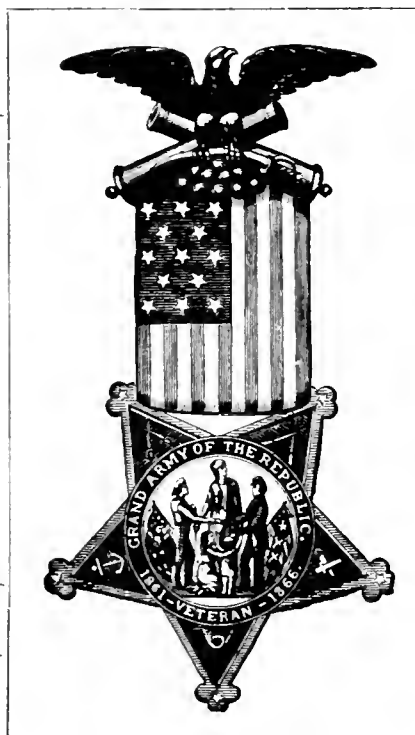
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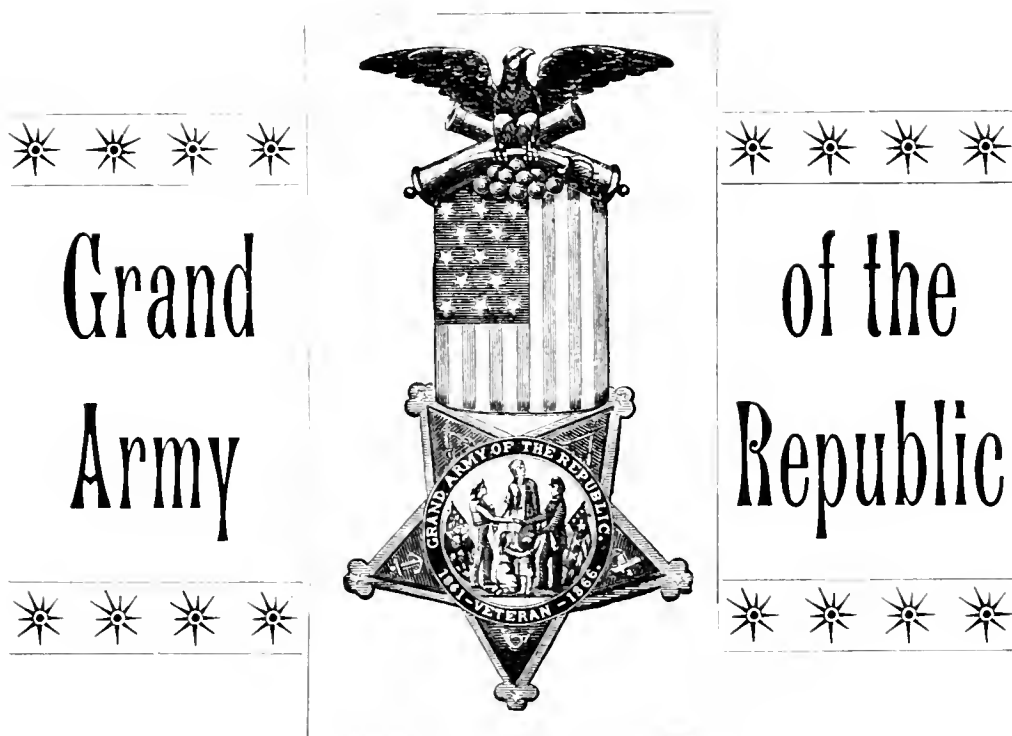
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Department Commander

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Helena, Montana, April 24th, 1902.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 5 the Eighteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met at hall of Wadsworth Post No. 3, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Encampment was opened in due form by Department Commander F. P. Sterling.

In the absence of the Assistant Adjutant General, Ed. S. Walker was appointed to act.

General Orders convening the Encampment were read.
Roll of Officers called.

The Department Commander appointed Charles F. Gage, Ed. S. Walker, and George H. Piatt, Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows:

F. P. STERLING,
Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Commander: We, your committee on credentials, beg leave to report the following Officers, Delegates and Members entitled to vote at this, the 18th Annual Encampment of Montana:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

- *F. P. Sterling.....Department Commander
- J. D. Jenks.....Senior Vice Commander
- *A. E. Gloyd.....Junior Vice Commander

R. M. Whitefoot.....Medical Director
 *S. A. Swiggett.....Chaplain
 *J. O. Gregg.....Judge Advocate General
 *J. S. Wisner.....Inspector General
 *W. H. H. Dickinson.....Chief Mustering Officer
 *Charles F. Gage.....Assistant Adjutant General
 *Ed. S. Walker.....Assistant Quartermaster General
 Henry N. Blake, Wilbur F. Sanders, *H. S. Howell, R. E. Fisk
 and J. L. Albritton.....Council of Administration

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Charles S. Warren | Ela C. Waters |
| *Junius G. Sanders | James E. Callaway |
| Ed. F. Ferris | Harry C. Kessler |
| John L. Sloan | *Joseph O. Gregg |
| Peter R. Dolman | Robert E. Fisk |
| Lester S. Willson | *Thaddeus C. Davidson |
| *W. H. H. Dickinson | *C. B. Miller |
| *P. H. Manchester | |

REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

*Marion R. Shade.....Representative
 *J. M. Lindley.....Alternate

LINCOLN POST NO. 2.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| P. R. Dolman | H. C. Kessler |
| C. S. Shoemaker | *L. E. Holmes |
| John Raley (deceased) | J. H. Jackson |
| B. G. Beebe | *P. H. Manchester |
| J. D. Jenks | *J. B. Scott |
| *W. P. Rhodebank | *S. H. Almon |
| Chas. S. Warren | *W. H. Black |
| J. B. Glover | J. G. Henneberry |
| J. E. Dowd | *John W. Masterson, Present Post Com'der. |

DELEGATES

James W. Grant
 *E. H. Bruce
 Henry Kemper
 James Corkwell

ALTERNATES

O. L. Farnham
 W. W. Williams
 John A. Hood
 Thomas Boyle

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| *R. C. Wallace | *Ed. S. Walker |
| Robt. E. Fisk | S. A. Swiggett |
| *T. H. Kleinschmidt | *George H. Piatt |
| *F.P. Sterling | *Geo. W. Shaw |
| *J. G. Sanders | *Charles F. Gage |
| H. F. C. Kleinschmidt (deceased) | J. B. Loomis |
| A. P. Webster | Jas. H. Mills |
| *C. B. Miller | *John A. Schmitt |
| | J. F. Hedinger, |
| | Present Post Com'dr. |

DELEGATES

*John Morris
 *Chas. Horn
 *R. H. Kleinschmidt
 *H. Asbury
 *Chas. G. Cram
 *John Haggarty
 *Robert Gruner

ALTERNATES

*A. T. Newberry
 *W. D. Larkin
 *James Crump
 *W. C. Lewis
 *John E. Pickle
 *Eli Knobb
 *Charles Mitchell

CUSTER POST NO. 5.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| E. L. Dickinson | G. W. Rightenour |
| *Thomas A. Foster | J. R. Comfort |
| Elias P. Day | |

DELEGATES

*Thomas A. Foster

ALTERNATES

E. L. Dickinson

FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| J. E. Callaway | Stephen Gainan |
| T. P. Cox | S. B. Page |
| H. N. Blake | J. B. Carruthers |
| J. B. Howe | *A. E. Gloyd, |
| H. L. Childs | Present Post Com'der. |

DELEGATES

*H. S. Howell
 Newton Rogers

ALTERNATES

John King
 John Shermerhorn

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| *W. H. Yeaton | Fred Wright |
| *G. T. Chambers | N. Ebert |
| A. B. Hicks | Thos. J. Mains |
| J. T. Lawrence | Sam Glyser |
| W. P. Mulholland | *P. H. Fisher |
| S. R. Shrake (deceased) | D. R. Buchanan, |
| | Present Post Com'dr. |

DELEGATES

*J. M. Conrow

ALTERNATES

Sam Glyser

STEADMAN POST NO. 8.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| O. Klemm | Joseph Rich |
| Fred Hopp | Benjamin Bond |
| Thomas Loughridge | |

WILLIAM ENGLISH POST NO. 10.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| *J. M. Lindley | Joseph A. McElroy |
| D. J. Brenneman | Thos. M. Pierce |
| A. J. Edsall | E. F. Campbell |
| B. F. Osborn | *Henry Hellinger |
| L. S. Willson | Charles Sprague |
| W. S. Mathews | *W. Y. Smith |
| Ed. F. Ferris | R. M. Whitefoot |
| Roger Edwards | Geo. W. Flanders |
| *A. N. Bull, Past Com'dr Moody Post | |

DELEGATES

*Gotlieb Stucky
William Wade
W. F. Sanders

ALTERNATES

*H. T. Short
*William Tracy
W. G. Browning

FRED WINTHROP POST NO. 11.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| *W. H. H. Dickinson | C. W. Lombard |
| William Landers | David Bundy |
| Samuel Bellew | *W. Raymer |
| J. L. Sloan | W. Bancroft |

DELEGATES

*W. H. Reed

ALTERNATES

GEORGE G. MEADE POST NO. 16.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*T. C. Davidson
 Roger Edwards
 *J. S. Wisner
 E. A. Waterbury
 John Marchion
 Eber Golden

John Hallahan
 *A. Short
 *John Conovan
 Dennis Heffron
 P. J. Neff
 *H. T. Errett,
 Present Post Com'dr.

DELEGATES

*Thos. J. Ward
 *Marshall B. Spier
 *Michael Lane

ALTERNATES

Charles B. Smith
 Thomas Kershaw
 Timothy B. Manix

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*Joseph O. Gregg
 E. M. Mitchell
 F. Geo. Heldt
 Frank Combs

R. A. Herbold
 W. H. Safford
 John Mohr
 E. H. Robinson

DELEGATES

A. J. Zimmerman
 Stephen Spitzley

ALTERNATES

Sterling McDonald
 W. M. Cleland

NAT LYONS POST NO. 23.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

D. J. Plume
 J. D. Eaton
 J. H. Ayres

R. C. Palmer
 W. J. Sparks
 Jacob Billings

DELEGATES

Jacob Billings

ALTERNATES

E. K. Gregg

GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN POST NO. 24.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

H. H. Garr
 John M. King
 Henry Miller

N. H. Morley
 D. A. Snyder
 Theo. F. Abbott,
 Present Post Com'dr.

DELEGATES

J. R. Hilman

O. S. Hinds

ALTERNATES

E. Kesner

J. B. Newell

GARFIELD POST NO. 26.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*W. H. Reed

Marion Berry

DELEGATES

No list.

ALTERNATES

We also recommend that delegates from Posts other than the Post where the Encampment is held, be entitled to cast the votes of the absent delegates of their Post, as the majority of them shall direct.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Gage,

Ed. S. Walker,

George H. Piatt,

The order of business governing the last Encampment was, on motion, adopted.

An invitation was extended the Encampment by Capt. Charles Gerhardt, in command at Fort Harrison, to visit the Fort. The invitation was accepted and the hour of four o'clock P. M., this, day was named as the time to make the visit.

The following communications were read and placed on file:

COMMUNICATION FROM TELEPHONE COMPANY.

HELENA, MONTANA, April 24th, 1902.

MR. A. C. MARSHMAN,

HELENA, MONTANA.

Dear Sir:—

Confirming my conversation with you of yesterday in reference to free tolls for all members of the Grand Army of the Republic during their Annual Encampment at Helena April 24th and 25th. Kindly extend this service to all of your Comrades during their visit in Helena. This covers all conversations had by them in person from our

public stations, to all points, and their badge will be their identification.

Your truly,

H. SOMMERS,
Superintendent Montana Division.

COMMUNICATION FROM WEINSTEIN.

HELENA, MONTANA, April 21st, 1902.

MR. A. C. MARSHMAN,
HELENA, MONTANA.

Dear Sir:—

Referring to our conversation with you yesterday regarding free Cigars to be extended to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic during their Annual Encampment at Helena April 24th and 25th. Kindly extend an invitation to all your Comrades during their visit in the city to call at our store and receive Free Cigars. The G. A. R. badge will be sufficient identification.

Yours very truly,

WEINSTEIN COMPANY.

Comrades J. O. Gregg, C. H. Boynton and Geo. L. Chambers were appointed a committee to notify the Ladies of the W. R. C. that the Encampment had convened and were ready to receive any communications they might have to make.

Recess taken until 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment assembled at 1 o'clock P. M. The Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, being in waiting, were admitted.

Mrs. Ruth Burton, Past President, extended a fraternal greeting on behalf of the W. R. C.

Mrs. Mary A. Sires, President, read her annual address.

Department Commander Sterling then delivered his address, after which the ladies of the W. R. C. retired.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Helena, Montana, April 24th, 1902. }

Comrades.

It is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure and gratification that I greet the members of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment, as the representative of nearly four hundred Comrades borne upon our muster rolls. After the expiration of another year, the Department of Montana again meets in Annual Encampment. We are here assembled to review the past, plan and give direction to that of the future, and last, but not least in importance, to elect the officers for the ensuing year. The future success and usefulness of our Order depends largely upon the wisdom and fidelity with which these responsibilities are performed. Let us, then, enter upon the business of the session in a spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, actuated solely by a desire to promote the best interests of the Order, and earnestly invoking Divine guidance and the blessings of God upon our labors.

We meet under favorable circumstances. Notwithstanding Death has thinned our ranks, I am most happy to say that the attendance of Comrades at this, our Annual Encampment, is quite large, which is gratifying to ourselves and our friends. It shows that the fires of patriotism, kindled to a blaze by the breath of secession in 1861, in the hearts of the "Boys of the Union," continue to glow in the breasts of those who are with us to-day. We meet at a time when the material prosperity of our country exceeds that of any other nation on earth. We meet at a time when the luster and the glory of our flag and the influence of our beneficent institutions are recognized throughout the world as never before.

We meet at a time when the complete unification of our country appears to be more firmly established than ever, and when we can contemplate with supreme satisfaction the future of the government we helped to save. We meet at a time when but one flag triumphantly waves from Maine to the Philippines, and that flag is America's flag.

It is a pleasing evidence that a grateful people appreciates the services and sacrifices you made in behalf of the Union during the years of peril and strife. And here to-day I desire, if it be at all necessary, to assure you, Comrades, that you have made no mistake

in pitching your tents and lighting your camp-fires here anew at Helena, the progressive capital city of this commonwealth.

I humbly trust that the generous and ample preparations made for your entertainment, and the evidences of welcome on every hand give promise of not only a profitable, but a pleasant sojourn here.

We have met to transact such business as may properly come before us, to renew the friendships of the past, to cultivate true comradeship and to rejoice on account of the peace, happiness and prosperity of the country we love. Let us enter upon the work of this Encampment with a zeal and determination to make it memorable on account of the good accomplished and the pleasure enjoyed.

One year ago I was favored by your suffrages with the position of Commander of this Department. I felt then and do now feel profoundly grateful for the honor thus conferred upon me. To be placed at the head of this grand column of the surviving Union soldiers of our beloved State of Montana is an honor which may well fill the measure of any soldier's ambition. I esteemed it such, and felt that my deep gratitude could only be expressed by a faithful discharge of the duties connected with the office. Sensible of my weakness, I have endeavored to do this with all the earnestness and ability I possessed, sometimes at the sacrifice of personal comfort and interests. Except when prevented by sickness or other unavoidable hindrance, I have responded as well as I could to every call made upon me. Although it has been a year of anxiety and concern relating to the welfare of the Department, it has been a year of many pleasant experiences and delightful comradeship. It has not been practicable to visit a very large number of Posts, yet I have attended camp-fires and Post meetings in some parts of the State. I have everywhere received the fraternal greetings and generous hospitality of the Comrades, the memory of which will sweeten my declining years. The business affairs of the Department are, happily, in excellent condition and require no unusual attention.

It is forty-one years ago this month since the opening gun of the rebellion was fired, and thirty-seven years have rolled by since the echoes of the last gun died away over the hills and valleys of the South. Of the commanders, the mighty men of valor and patriotism who went forth at their country's call to lead our armies to victory, nearly all have passed away. It is not strange, therefore, that the membership of this Department should have steadily de-

clined during the past year. Notwithstanding this decline, however, the situation has its encouraging features.

Our gain during the past year is as follows:

GAIN.

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| By muster-in..... | 24 |
| By transfer..... | 6 |
| By reinstatement | 17 |
| | — |
| Total | 47 |

LOSS.

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| By death | 13 |
| By honorable discharge..... | 1 |
| By transfer..... | 18 |
| By suspension..... | 7 |
| By surrender of charter..... | 9 |
| | — |
| Total | 48 |

By deducting the loss of the nine comrades shown by the “surrender of charter,” notwithstanding the death loss of thirteen members, we have a loss of one only during the year.

Among those who answered the final summons during the past year was our dearly beloved comrade, George W. Jenkins, department Chaplain. Comrade Jenkins was well known, loved and honored throughout the Department.

Brave in war, patriotic in peace, faithful in comradeship,—each and all who have passed away deserve extended notice did space permit.

Among our nation’s dead there was added one name to that roll which brought grief and pain to every true American’s heart. On the sixth day of September last, our comrade, the President of the United States was stricken down by the shots of an assassin’s weapon while extending the hand of glad recognition to his fellow-citizen’s gathered at Buffalo, N. Y., and from that date our dearly-beloved comrade commenced a struggle for the continuance of life, that for heroic, Christian effort has never been excelled. Millions of loving friends watched with abated breath, from hour to hour, for announcement of his condition, and after lingering between hope and fear, he died on Saturday morning, September 14th, at 2:15 o’clock.

As stated under date of September 14th last, in General Orders

No. 3 from these Headquarters, I repeat: "History will make record of his exploits in war and his conduct and brilliant achievements in administration."

As a soldier fighting for the maintenance of his country's integrity, as a statesman engaged in legislating for his country's good, and as the Chief Executive, guiding the affairs of the country, the record of William McKinley places his name with those of Washington and Lincoln in the history of our National Life.

Ours is a tribute of the soldier's heart to the chieftain's memory, our grief is mitigated by contemplation of the glory of his achievements, the sublime elements of his character, the blessed assurance which he enjoyed of the future, and the peacefulness of repose of his last hour on earth.

"In humble submission we bow to this fearful blow."

William McKinley was, in his day and generation, as great a leader as Washington or Lincoln, and the epoch of expansion in which he was conspicuous will have as secure a place in history as the creating or redeeming periods of our national life to which the generations turn for patriotic inspiration.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

During the dark days of the Rebellion, the days of trial, hardship, suffering and battle, whether upon the field, on the march or in camp, the soldiers of the Union had the sympathy, the prayers and the actual help of the loyal women of the North. To the honor and glory of the women be it said they suffered with a heroism that was patriotic and equal to the heroism shown upon the field of battle. The loyal women of that day were equally patriotic and equally devoted to the cause of the Union, and they are now equally entitled to honor and credit with the men who saved the nation. To aid and assist worthy soldiers and sailors in distress, to help care for the widows and orphans, to sympathize with and encourage the Grand Army of the Republic, to honor the cause for which they fought, to teach patriotism,—these are the high and splendid purposes of the Woman's Relief Corps. We welcome their kindly efforts in our behalf and we appreciate the sympathy and patriotic support of all loyal women.

We understand the Department of Montana, W. R. C., is in a flourishing condition. Under the wise administration of its president, Mrs. Mary A. Sires, and with the help of many devoted women, the zeal and efficacy of the organization are fully kept up to the high standard heretofore maintained.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Being a member of the Board of Directors of the Soldiers' Home, I have visited this institution twice during the past year.

Inasmuch as this Board, through its president, Comrade C. B. Miller, and secretary, Comrade H. S. Howell, make an annual report to the Governor of the State, it is not at all necessary for me, here, to occupy your time with any extended remarks.

I will only add that I have always been pleased with the condition of the Home, everything considered, and to find such unusual good feeling among the "old boys."

The conditions of the Home could, by the Board, be improved materially, had it the means at its disposal, and I trust that some action may be taken, either by our state legislature or by congress, or by both, whereby appropriations will be increased, in order that the Home may be enlarged and improved commensurate with its importance.

PENSIONS.

My attention has been called to notices in the daily papers, where Posts of the Grand Army have petitioned Congress to grant pensions to every surviving soldier and sailor, and I refer to such notices only for the purpose of calling attention to the questionable propriety of a Post passing resolutions of this character, whatever its members in their individual capacity as citizens may deem it wise to do.

It is at least an open question whether a majority, or, indeed, any considerable number, of our comrades are in favor of such action by Congress, but I have no means of knowing the sentiments of any considerable number of the comrades as to this question. I feel sure, however, that a large majority would not desire to be placed in the attitude of begging for such recognition for services voluntarily and cheerfully rendered.

The desire of politicians (I do not say statesmen) to win the good will of ex-soldiers will doubtless insure all the legislative recognition that it is wise to bestow, without any solicitation on our part.

I am in favor of giving every man who lost a leg, or an arm, or incurred equal disabilities, a pension of fifty dollars per month. I am in favor of removing, *speedily and absolutely*, all of the absurd regulations promulgated by the Pension Department at Washington that make it difficult, and in some instances almost an impossibility, for an honest applicant for a pension to prove his claim. The man who fell into the hands of the enemy when in the line of his duty,

upholding the flag of his country and staying the tottering temple of Liberty, and came back from a rebel prison or the blood-stained field of battle with shattered health, ought to be presumed, without further proof, to have incurred his disabilities while in the line of duty. The Government was satisfied of the soundness of every man when he was sworn into the service. Not one in ten thousand incurred disabilities thereafter under circumstances which would preclude the allowance of a pension.

The grading of pensions according to rank, instead of strictly according to degree of disability, is another relic of aristocratic European methods that should be eliminated from our statute books.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Department was well and ably represented at the Thirty-fifth National Encampment, held at Cleveland, Ohio, in September, by a delegation from Montana. I am sorry, indeed, to report that, owing to circumstance, it was impossible for your Department Commander to be present. Owing to the death of President McKinley, which occurred on the 14th of September, the Encampment immediately adjourned, and the unfinished business of the Encampment was completed by the National Council of Administration, of which you have been fully advised through General Orders No. 3, dated December 19, 1901.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of this Department is most gratifying, as is more fully shown by the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, to which your attention is especially invited.

POSTS.

I am sorry to report that Moody Post No. 25, located at Meadow Creek, owing to its small membership (only eight comrades belonging to said Post) has been obliged during the year to surrender its charter. I am happy to say, however, that nearly all of these comrades have become members of other Posts.

MCKINLEY MEMORIAL FUND.

In accordance with General Orders from National Headquarters, I issued a circular letter to the Posts of this Department, requesting contributions to the McKinley Memorial Fund.

In response thereto I have received the sum of Fifty-eight dollars (\$58.00), as follows:

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| Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte | \$10.00 |
| Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena..... | 10.00 |
| Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City..... | 10.00 |
| Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls..... | 10.00 |
| George B. McClellan Post No. 24, Columbia Falls... | 10.00 |
| George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda..... | 8.00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total | \$58.00 |

These contributions have been forwarded to Myron T. Herrick, the National Treasurer of said Memorial Fund, at Cleveland, Ohio.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Never since the establishment of this Sabbath of the Nation's dead was the occasion observed with more fitting, loving and patriotic memories than on May 30, 1901.

Gradually this solemn day has come to be understood, that the custom of strewing flowers over the graves of our departed heroes has not only a sentiment behind it, but that it possesses a tremendous potency in the line of patriotic teaching. The laying of a flower and the raising of a flag on the grave of a hero is more impressive than the oration of a Clay or a Webster, and I am happy to note that other Orders have adopted the custom, beautiful as it is mournful. It has turned attention toward the resting place of the dead and has reclaimed thousands of neglected cemeteries throughout the land and they have become places of beauty and tasteful adornment. These scenes, to which may be added the eloquence of some of our greatest speakers, over the graves of our comrades who have joined the Grand Encampment above, are object lessons that serve to broaden and deepen the spirit of loyalty to our united country.

The general observance of the day is all that can be desired, save the deplorable desecration of it in many places by games and amusements proper only on other days and upon other occasions.

Comrades, let us see to it that this day, the saddest day of the year, is kept sacred. In honoring our dead we increase our devotion to the living.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Department Officers, Members of the Council of Administration and members of my staff, great credit is due for their energy

and zeal, and I gratefully acknowledge their valuable assistance and uniform courtesy during the past year.

The success which has attended my administration during the past year would have been impossible in the absence of the hearty co-operation and intelligent support of these comrades with whom I have been associated, and I commend them, one and all, as worthy of your continued confidence and highest regard.

And now, dear Comrades, may heaven's richest blessings abide with you and your families, and ever rest and abide with our country.

'Comrades, ye who in the battle
Stood together firm and true:
At the shrine of this reunion
Dedicate your love anew.

"We are like the trees left standing
When the fierce tornado's past:
Let the boughs of those remaining
Twine together firm and fast.

"Thus combined 'gainst wind and weather,
We will have the strength of all;
And, united, brave the tempest,
Or all together nobly fall.

"Grand Old Army, brave commanders,
Grim survivors of the fight,
Warm your hearts at memory's altar,
Press each other's hands to-night.

"And when sounds the last assembly,
When the guard has gone his round,
May we pitch our tents together
On some happier 'Camping Ground.' "

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

F. P. STERLING,

Department Commander.

The Senior Vice-Commander appointed P. H. Manchester, R. C. Wallace and L. E. Holmes as a committee on the Commander's address, to whom the same was referred.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

BUTTE, MONTANA, April 15, 1902.

CHAS. F. GAGE, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.

Dear General and Comrade:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Senior Vice Department Commander of the Department of Montana, G. A. R.:

I have not been called upon to perform any duty by the Department Commander, therefore my report is brief. I have made inquiry of any and all comrades of the Department, and find that we are holding our own as to membership. The Butte Post is very prosperous, but I cannot say as to the others.

We have met with a sad bereavement in the loss of our Department Chaplain, Comrade G. W. Jenkins, a comrade of many noble qualities. He has performed his life's work and joined the great Army above. He and I were warm personal friends and he was a comrade dear to my heart. I have ever found him to be a manly man, always performing every duty faithfully, although suffering from a disease contracted in the army. I never heard him utter a word of complaint. Dear comrade, may we all be as well prepared to go as he was when we are called to join the Grand Army above.

I feel called to make a statement in reference to Mrs. Tracy. I think she was misrepresented to some extent. I received a communication (a circular) from the National Department of the G. A. R., stating that she was a fake. I must say this in her favor, she came to Missoula broke and sent for me and stated to me that she needed money. I gave her eight dollars, and as soon as she rejoined her husband in Kansas City she returned the money to me. She was erratic, but was a good woman.

With kind regards to all my comrades,

I have the honor to remain,

Your Comrade in F., C. and L.

J. D. JENKS.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

HELENA, MONTANA, April 24, 1902.

TO COMMANDER F. P. STERLING,

AND COMRADES OF THE G. A. R.,

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA. Greeting:

One year ago, by the kind indulgence of our Comrades, I was elected Junior Vice Commander of this Department, and for which distinguished honor I am most heartily thankful.

The duties of my office have been little other than honorary, and without burthen; and nothing demanding particular note has challenged my attention. Under the blessings of the Great Commander the peace, prosperity and happiness of our beloved and venerable brotherhood have been most general during the year past with the ages.

Comrades: Our shadows are growing very long, while looking to the East, the Source of all light, and the skies are brilliantly gilded near the sunset of our lives; but tottering, old and gray as we are, duties and pleasures are before us. To each of us, and to all of our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, are more binding and imposing than to any of the living, the divine thoughts and patriotism of the immortal Lincoln's classic, in his Second Inaugural Address:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Those immortal words of peace and good will and of patriotic duty, should be the Shibboleth of our beloved Society.

I am happy to meet so many of the "old boys" at this Annual Encampment, and hope to meet you, each and all, often and again, ere the final taps of "lights out" are sounded.

Peace and grace be with you, one and all.

A. E. GLOYD.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.,
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,
HELENA, MONTANA, April 24, 1902.
TO F. P. STERLING, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Dear Comrade:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Chaplain :

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| Number of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves in cemeteries decorated by Posts.... | 275 |
| Number of Soldiers and Sailors buried during the year..... | 24 |
| Number of Posts owning lots in cemeteries..... | 4 |
| Number of Soldiers and Sailors buried in potter's field..... | 2 |
| Number of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves unmarked by proper headstones.... | 124 |
| Number of Posts holding Sunday Memorial Services..... | 8 |
| Number of other Posts participating | None |
| Number of Posts holding Memorial Day exercises..... | 9 |
| Number of Comrades participating..... | 370 |
| Number of other organizations assisting | 5 |
| Total number in attendance taking part in exercises..... | 3200 |

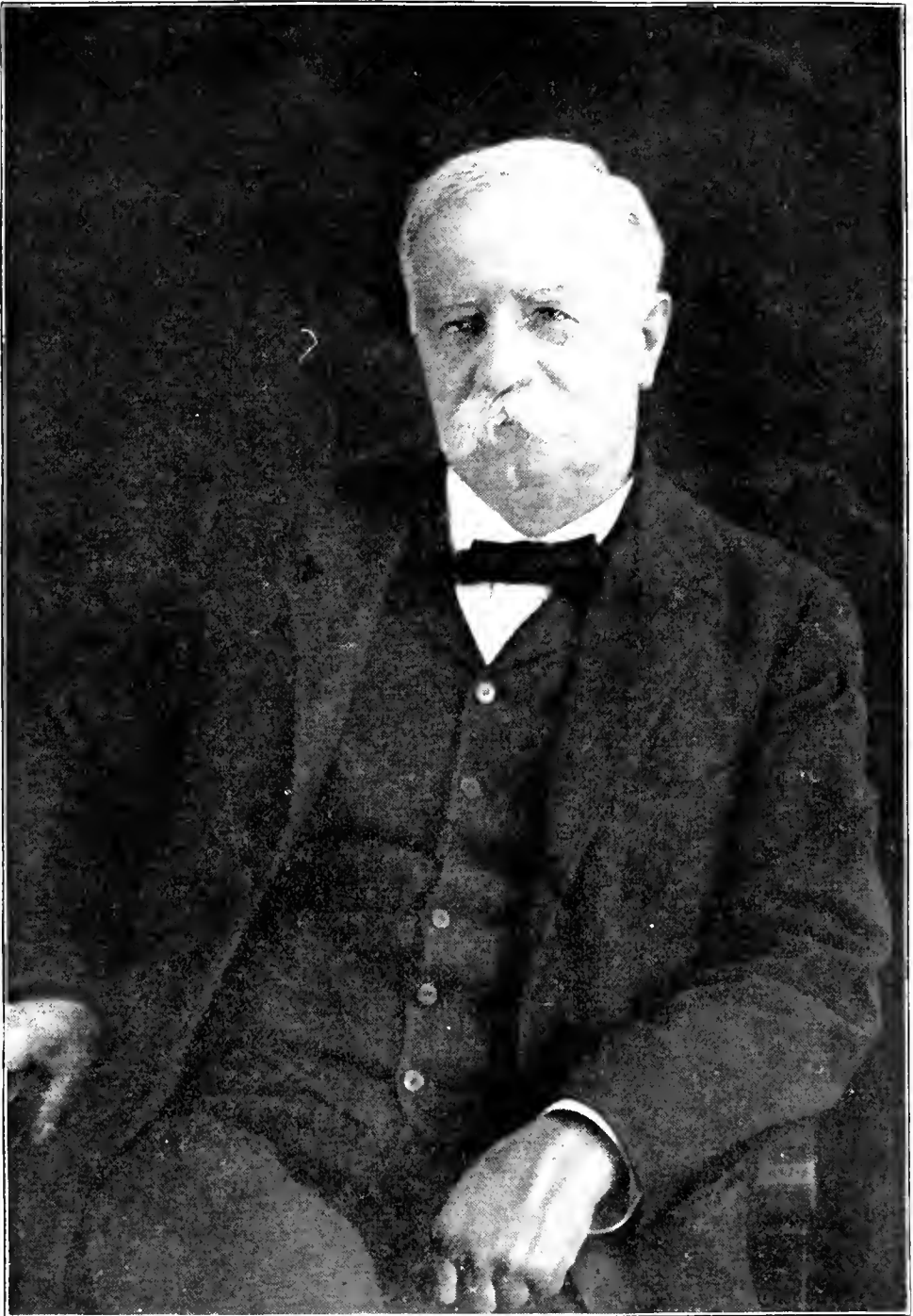
The character of exercises, so far as reported, were the usual Memorial Exercises and decorating graves. Sheridan Post No. 18 at Great Falls dedicated a Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, at a cost of \$1,900.

REMARKS: I am pleased to find *but two* soldiers occupying graves in a potter's field; graves unmarked. This mistake should, if possible, be corrected.

No report from William English Post No. 10, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, and Garfield Post No. 26.

Orations were delivered as follows: Ella Knowles Haskell, Butte; Rev. J. H. McCarthy, Helena; Rev. W. W. Howard, Sheridan; Rev. B. P. Smith, Dillon; Mr. R. Wilson, Livingston; Rev. Cattermole, Anaconda; Hon. Joseph K. Toole, Great Falls; J. D. Eaton, Kalispell; Rev. Mr. Snyder, Columbia Falls.

SAMUEL A. SWIGGETT,
Department Chaplain.



CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Enlisted August, 1861. 5th New Jersey

Mustered Out June, 1865. Captain and Brevet-Major, 11th New Jersey.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HELENA, MONTANA, April 23, 1902.

GENERAL F. P. STERLING,

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrade: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order I submit my annual report of the conditions of this Department:

| | |
|---|-------|
| Number of Posts, Dec. 31, 1900..... | 14 |
| Lost, Moody Post No. 25, by surrender of charter..... | 1 |
| <hr/> | |
| No. of Posts in good standing..... | 13 |
| Members in good standing, Dec. 31, 1900..... | 375 |
| Gain by muster..... | 24 |
| Cain by transfer..... | 6 |
| Gain by reinstatement..... | 17—47 |
| <hr/> | |
| | 422 |
| Lost, by death..... | 13 |
| “ by honorable discharge..... | 1 |
| “ by transfer..... | 18 |
| “ by suspension..... | 7 |
| “ by surrender of charter..... | 9—48 |
| <hr/> | |
| Present membership, Dec. 31, 1901..... | 374 |

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

| | |
|--|------|
| Thomas P. Fuller, Helena (deceased)..... | 1885 |
| Charles S. Warren, Butte..... | 1886 |
| Ela C. Waters, Billings..... | 1887 |
| Junius G. Sanders, Butte..... | 1888 |
| James E. Callaway, Virginia City..... | 1889 |
| Ed. F. Ferris, Houston, Idaho..... | 1890 |
| Harry C. Kessler, Butte..... | 1891 |
| John L. Sloan, Missoula..... | 1892 |
| Joseph O. Gregg, Great Falls..... | 1893 |
| Peter R. Dolman, Butte..... | 1894 |
| Robert E. Fisk, Helena..... | 1895 |
| Lester S. Willson, Bozeman..... | 1896 |
| Thaddeus C. Davidson, Anaconda..... | 1897 |
| W. H. H. Dickinson, Missoula..... | 1898 |
| C. B. Miller, Helena..... | 1899 |
| P. H. Manchester, Butte..... | 1900 |
| F. P. Sterling (present)..... | 1901 |

ROSTER OF POSTS, DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. December 31, 1901.

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Location.</i> | <i>Commanders.</i> | <i>No. Members.</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2. | Lincoln | Butte..... | J. G. Henneberry..... | 72 |
| 3. | Wadsworth | Helena | John A. Schmitt..... | 86 |
| 5. | Custer | Sheridan | John R. Comfort..... | 14 |
| 6. | Frank Blair..... | Virginia City..... | A. E. Gloyd..... | 15 |
| 7. | Farragut | Livingston..... | S. R. Shrake..... | 31 |
| 8. | Steadman | Dillon..... | Fred Hopp | 13 |
| 10. | William English..... | Bozeman..... | R. M. Whitefoot | 33 |
| 11. | Fred Winthrop..... | Missoula..... | Samuel Bellew..... | 15 |
| 16. | George G. Meade..... | Anaconda..... | H. T. Errett..... | 25 |
| 18. | Sheridan..... | Great Falls..... | J. O. Gregg..... | 22 |
| 23. | Nat Lyon..... | Kalispell..... | Jacob Billings..... | 18 |
| 24. | George B. McClellan..... | Columbia Falls.... | M. J. King..... | 20 |
| 25. | Moody..... | Ennis..... | John Ormiston (suspended)... | |
| 26. | Garfield..... | Carlton..... | Marien Berry..... | 10 |
| Present membership..... | | | | 374 |

There is nothing within this Department that needs to be called to the attention of the Legislature, except it might be the setting apart a room in the Capitol for our use.

To you, dear General, my thanks are due for your kindness and cheerfulness, never varying, though I am afraid your patience has been sorely tried many times. Now, in closing, I have only to say I have labored for you and through you for the good of the Order to the best of my ability. I trust it is acceptable to you and the comrades of this Department.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

CHARLES F. GAGE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, }
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
HELENA, MONTANA, April 24, 1902. }

F. P. STERLING, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the business of this office from April 16th 1901, to the present date.

Receipts as per Exhibit "A":

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Cash balance, April 16, 1901..... | \$234.49 |
| Per capita tax from Posts | 352.00 |
| Supplies sold..... | 50.65 |
| Overcharge returned..... | 16.00 |
| Total..... | \$653.14 |



ED. S. WALKER,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

Enlisted April, 1861, Co. A, 1st Kansas Infantry.

Transferred January, 1862, to Co. H, 2nd Kansas Cavalry.

Mustered out January, 1865.

Expenditures as per Exhibit "B":

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Expenditures | \$343.52 |
| Cash balance on hand | 309.62 |
| Total | <u>\$653.14</u> |

I herewith submit statements showing in detail receipts and expenditures marked Exhibits "A" and "B."

EXHIBIT "A"—RECEIPTS.

| POSTS | NO. | Per Capita Tax | | Requi- sition | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| | | June 30 | Dec. 31 | | |
| Lincoln | 2 | \$ 36 00 | \$ 36 00 | \$ 16 70 | \$ 88 70 |
| Wadsworth | 3 | 44 50 | 43 00 | | 87 50 |
| Custer | 5 | 6 00 | 7 00 | | 13 00 |
| Frank Blair | 6 | 7 50 | 7 50 | | 15 00 |
| Farragut | 7 | 14 00 | 15 50 | | 29 50 |
| Steadman | 8 | | | | |
| William English | 10 | 16 00 | 16 50 | 4 70 | 37 20 |
| Fred Winthrop | 11 | 7 50 | 7 50 | 1 50 | 16 50 |
| Geo. G. Meade | 16 | 9 50 | 12 50 | 7 25 | 29 25 |
| Sheridan | 18 | 11 00 | 11 00 | | 22 00 |
| Nat Lyons | 23 | | 9 00 | | 9 00 |
| Geo. B. McClellan | 24 | 9 00 | 10 00 | 6 75 | 25 75 |
| Moody | 25 | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| Garfield | 26 | 5 50 | 5 00 | | 10 50 |
| Supplies and Badges Sold | | | | | 13 75 |
| Overcharges Returned | | | | | 16 00 |
| Total | | 166 50 | 185 50 | 36 90 | 418 65 |

EXHIBIT B—EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|-----------|---|---------|
| 1901. | | |
| April 23. | Great Northern Express Co., express charges.... | \$ 3 05 |
| “ 24. | Helena Postoffice, stamps..... | 5 00 |
| “ 30. | Great Northern Express Co., express charges.... | 35 |
| May 3. | Thurber Company, printing | 10 00 |
| “ 23. | National Headquarters, supplies..... | 31 15 |
| June 20. | Helena Postoffice, stamps..... | 5 00 |
| “ 24. | A. P. Curtin, supplies | 95 |
| July 6. | H. S. Thurber Co., printing..... | 50 50 |
| “ 6. | Charles F. Gage, salary | 18 75 |
| “ 6. | Ed. S. Walker, salary | 18 75 |
| “ 25. | M. E. Harrah, typewriting | 2 75 |
| Sept. 7. | Ed. S. Walker, G. W. Jenkins, funeral..... | 23 45 |
| “ 18. | Great Northern Express Co., express charges.... | 1 00 |
| “ 18. | Helena Postoffice, stamps..... | 5 00 |
| Oct. 1. | C. F. Gage, salary | 18 75 |
| “ 1. | Ed. S. Walker, salary | 18 75 |
| Dec. 30. | C. F. Gage, salary | 18 75 |
| “ 30. | Ed. S. Walker, salary | 18 75 |
| “ 31. | F. P. Sterling, postage..... | 1 25 |
| 1902. | | |
| Jan. 9. | Great Northern Express Co., express charges.... | 25 |
| “ 11. | H. S. Thurber Co., printing..... | 3 50 |
| Feb. 17. | National Headquarters, per capita tax..... | 6 37 |
| April 2. | M. E. Harrah, typewriting..... | 10 00 |
| “ 2. | Naegele & Co., printing | 3 00 |
| “ 10. | Charles F. Gage, salary | 18 75 |
| “ 10. | Ed. S. Walker, salary | 18 75 |
| “ 14. | N. P. Express Co., express charges..... | 60 |
| “ 15. | Helena Postoffice, stamps..... | 4 50 |
| “ 15. | Whitehead & Hoag Co., Encampment badges..... | 24 10 |
| “ 21. | F. P. Sterling, postage..... | 1 75 |

Total\$343 52

The consolidated reports of the Department to National Headquarters for the term ending Dec. 31, 1901, show as follows:

RECEIPTS :

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance last report..... | \$ 837 64 |
| Receipts from all sources..... | 1,186 35 |
| Total | <hr/> \$2,023 99 |

DISBURSEMENTS :

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| For all purposes..... | \$ 916 25 |
| Cash balance on hand..... | 1,107 74 |

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| Total | \$2,023 99 |
|-------------|------------|

Value of Post property, as shown by reports :

| | |
|---|------------|
| Cash balance, Post Funds, - - - - - | \$1,107 74 |
| Market value of real estate belonging to Posts, - - - | 1,800 00 |
| Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc., - - - - - | 1,171 90 |
| Cash invested in collateral, - - - - - | 219 00 |

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|--|------------|
| Total value of Post property - - - - - | \$4,298 64 |
|--|------------|

All accounts against the Department to date have been paid.

With thanks to yourself, Commander, and the Comrades of the Department for their courtesies and promptness during the past year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ED. S. WALKER,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL,

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, April 24th, 1902.

GENERAL FRANK P. STERLING,

COMMANDER DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.

My Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report that during the past year (aside from drawing my salary regularly) I have had but little to do in the office of Judge Advocate General, our Commander having managed the Department so skilfully that no questions have arisen requiring reference to the legal department of the G. A. R. of Montana.

I desire to sincerely thank the Department Commander for his uniform courtesy during the year, making our official association, as well as our personal relations, all that is contemplated by our motto of "F., C. and I." And in the severing of our official connection by reason of the expiration of our service in the G. A. R. harness for the year ending with this Encampment, I express my best wishes for his prosperity and that of the Department he has so ably commanded.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH O. GREGG,
Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

ANACONDA, MONTANA, April 15, 1902.

CHARLES F. GAGE, ASS'T ADJUTANT GEN'L,

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.

Comrade.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Department Inspector for the current year. Reference to this report shows that I have received reports from ten out of the fourteen Posts in the Department, and this, I regret to say, was accomplished with a great deal of urging. Up to March last I had received reports from but four Posts, and as our Regulations require that this report shall be forwarded to the Inspector before the Installation of Post Officers, I infer that most of the Posts held no Installation. The alleged cause of the failure to promptly forward reports is the failure of Inspectors to visit Posts and attend to this duty in person. Post Inspectors are to all intents officers of this Department, and the Department Commander should impress upon every Inspector appointed the necessity of his visiting the Posts and giving them every aid, not only as to the preparation of this particular report, but along all lines. It would appear that a number of Posts, or rather Post members, rarely see an officer of the Department unless they are so fortunate as to attend the Department Encampment.

It is with pleasure that I mention in this my Annual Report, the name of Comrade John Canovan, Past Post Commander of George G. Meade Post No. 16. Great credit is due Comrade Canovan for his successful effort in establishing a Picket Post at Helmville, consisting of seven members.

May our grand old order long continue in its good work and may we be permitted for many years to continue help fill the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I desire to express to the Department Commander and all comrades my appreciation of their good will and assistance at all times.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. and L.,

J. S. WISNER,
Department Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R., FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1901.

| NAME OF POST | No. of Post. | Number of Members in Good Standing. | Is the work in the Ritual properly exemplified? | Are the Officers and Guards properly uniformed and equipped? | Are the Members uniformed? | Are the Officers regular in their attendance? | Are the Members regular in their attendance? | Are the records complete and well kept? | Are orders received regularly and read to the Post and filed? | Have all reports and taxes been forwarded? | Is there a relief fund for charitable purposes? | How much money is in the relief fund? | Total amount expended for relief. | Amount of money and securities in hands of the Quartermaster. | Value of all other property owned by the Post. | Is there a Corps of the W. R. C. connected with the Post? | Is there a camp of the Sons of Veterans? | What are the prospects for the future? |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Lincoln..... | 23 | 73 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | \$58 00 | \$433 77 | \$336 00 | Yes | No | Good |
| Wadsworth..... | 3 | 86 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | 131 80 | 487 96 | 840 00 | Yes | No | Fair |
| Frank Blair..... | 4 | 15 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | None | 59 37 | 00 | No | No | Poor |
| Farragut..... | 7 | 31 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | 5 00 | 4 69 | 196 90 | Yes | No | Fair |
| William English..... | 10 | 33 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | None | 2 56 | 75 00 | Yes | No | Good |
| Fred Winthrop..... | 11 | 15 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | None | 5 70 | 50 00 | Yes | No | Fair |
| Geo. C. Meade..... | 16 | 25 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | None | 62 65 | 162 65 | Yes | No | Fair |
| Sheridan..... | 18 | 22 | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | None | 17 50 | 1600 00 | Yes | No | N.Y.C. |
| Nat Lyons..... | 33 | 18 | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | None | 00 | 00 | Yes | No | Fair |
| Geo. B. McClellan..... | 24 | 20 | No | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | None | None | 66 60 | 100 00 | Yes | No | Fair |

J. S. WISNER, Department Inspector.

The Reports of Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Chaplain, Assistant Adjutant General, Judge Advocate, Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer were referred to a committee consisting of T. C. Davidson, C. B. Miller and W. Y. Smith.

The Report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was referred to the Council of Administration.

A committee consisting of T. C. Davidson, T. H. Kleinschmidt and A. J. Fisk was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Department Chaplain George W. Jenkins.

On motion of Comrade C. B. Miller, the hour of eleven o'clock A. M., April 15th, was set for the election of Officers for the ensuing term.

After an address by Comrade P. H. Manchester, the Encampment took a recess until 9:30 o'clock A. M., April 25th.

MORNING SESSION.

April 25th, 1902.

Session called to order at 9:30 A. M., by the Department Commander.

Marion R. Shade, delegate to the National Encampment, made a report of his attendance at the National Encampment at Cleveland, Ohio.

Past Department Commander Davidson also gave an account of the proceedings and the part taken by the representatives from Montana at the Encampment.

A short recess was taken to receive a communication from the W. R. C.

Session resumed, and on motion the Convention set the hour of 3:30 P. M. to visit the State Capitol in a body.

George G. Meade Post, of Anaconda, extended an invitation to the Encampment to hold their next annual meeting at Anaconda, and on motion the invitation was unanimously accepted.

A proposition by Comrade W. H. H. Dickinson to appropriate one hundred dollars to assist in paying the expenses of the next Encampment was not considered.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S REPORT.

HELENA, MONTANA, April 25, 1902.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander have reviewed and considered the same, and would respectfully report that they find the report in general is of a high character and an honor to the Department. There is little recommended. We approve of the suggestions in reference to the observance of Memorial Day being held as of a sacred character, and we also approve of the suggestions made in reference to pensions, especially deprecating the grading of pensions according to rank. In reference to petitions to Congress we do not approve, it being the privilege of persons and orders, or societies of persons to petition Congress for needed legislation at all times, and such petitions are common and have ever been in all matters of personal or corporate concern.

We further recommend that this Encampment devote an hour, or as much thereof as is necessary, to a Memorial Service in memory of those of our Department who have died during the year preceding our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. MANCHESTER, Ch'm,
R. C. WALLACE,
L. E. HOLMES.

*Committee.*REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SENIOR AND JUNIOR VICE
COMMANDERS AND OTHER OFFICERS.

HELENA, MONTANA, April 25, 1902.

TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE 18TH ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R.

We, your committee, appointed on the Reports of the Senior Vice Commander, Inspector General, Assistant Adjutant General, Judge Advocate, Medical Director, Chaplain, Chief Mustering Officer and Junior Vice Commander, beg leave to report that we have examined the foregoing Reports and recommend their approval and adoption.

T. C. DAVIDSON,
W. Y. SMITH,

Committee.

HELENA, MONTANA, April 24, 1902.

TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Dear Sir:

The Council of Administration to whom was referred the report and books of the Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same and find that all moneys reported as received are properly accounted for and the expenditures covered by vouchers.

The reports show a balance on hand of Department Funds, amounting to \$309.62, which the bank book shows was in the National Bank of Montana on the 22d instant.

H. S. HOWELL,

A. E. GLOYD,

J. S. WISNER,

Members of the Council of Administration.

The Report of the committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Department Chaplain, Comrade George W. Jenkins, was read and adopted:

During the past year the Department of Montana sustained a severe loss in the death of Comrade George W. Jenkins, Chaplain of the Department. He was serving his third term in this office, and death came while our comrade seemed in vigorous mental and physical manhood.

"Taps" sounded for our beloved comrade. But the summons from the Grand Commander found him ready. "Be ye therefore ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

After long years of usefulness to his fellow-men the summons came, and beloved Comrade George W. Jenkins was summoned to the Grand Encampment, there to await the grand muster of his comrades.

Fallen! One more grave to decorate. Fallen! Perhaps soon to be forgotten by those reaping the reward; yet shall the influence of such lives and devotion to country and flag in the days from '61 to '65 be perpetuated while time endures.

Comrade George W. Jenkins was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1838. He entered the army in Company M, Second Iowa Cavalry in September, 1861, and was mustered out in October, 1864, by

reason of the expiration of his term of service. He died in Marysville, Montana, September 5, 1901. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Comrade Jenkins the Department has lost a worthy and valuable member and an efficient Chaplain, and many old soldiers an esteemed friend and comrade.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of this Department be, and is hereby, extended to the bereaved family of our fallen comrade, and that a copy of this tribute be sent to them; and that the same be spread upon the minutes of this Department.

T. C. DAVIDSON,
T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT,
J. G. SANDERS,
A. J. FISK,

Committee.

The hour for the election of officers having been reached, the Commander appointed H. S. Howell and George H. Piatt as tellers.

A motion was made that fifty dollars be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of the next Department Commander in attending the National Encampment, and that the Commander elected pledge himself to attend the same.

The motion was laid on the table.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Department Commander—A. N. Bull, of Bozeman.

Senior Vice Commander—Levi E. Holmes, of Butte.

Junior Vice Commander—T. J. Mains, of Livingston.

Medical Director—C. B. Miller, of Helena.

Chaplain—T. C. Davidson, of Anaconda.

Council of Administration—A. E. Gloyd, Virginia City; H. S. Howell, Helena; E. H. Bruce, Butte; A. Short, Anaconda; J. S. Wisner, Anaconda.

Delegate to National Encampment—N. H. Morley, Columbia Falls.

Alternate to National Encampment—S. A. Swiggett, Helena.

Recess taken until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment resumed at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

Commander-elect Bull announced the following appointments:

Assistant Adjutant General—W. Y. Smith, Bozeman.

Assistant Quartermaster General—Ed. S. Walker, Helena.

Judge Advocate—Joseph O. Gregg, Great Falls.

Inspector—T. A. Foster, Sheridan.

Chief Mustering Officer—J. M. Lindley, Bozeman.

Chief of Staff—George H. Piatt, Helena.

Chief Mustering Officer W. H. Dickinson then installed the newly elected and appointed officers in due form.

The matter of Choteau W. R. C. not being attached to any G. A. R. Post was brought up, but after a full discussion of the question the matter was laid on the table.

A recess was then taken to visit the Capitol building.

Encampment resumed at 9:30 A. M., April 26th, Commander A. N. Bull presiding.

Communications from Past Department Commanders H. C. Kessler and Lester S. Willson, regretting their inability to attend the Encampment, were read and placed on file.

The following telegram was received from Comrade Wilbur F. Sanders in answer to greeting sent him from the Encampment :

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25, 1902.

Yes, and I miss you. I send you the benediction of the Apostle and the toast of Rip Van Winkle.

W. F. SANDERS.

On motion, made and seconded, it was ordered that the salaries of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General remain the same as for the past year.

Moved and carried that the representation from Posts to the next Encampment remain the same as at present.

The following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, be and are hereby tendered to the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railway companies for reduced fares; to the Helena Street Railway company for free transportation; to the Rocky Mountain

Bell Telephone company for the use of their lines by the members of the Encampment, and to the citizens generally for their assistance and decorations; also to Captain Gerhardt and other officers at Fort Harrison for their invitation to visit the Fort, and especially to Comrade Lyons and wife for the elegant refreshments that were so bountifully supplied.

The Commander appointed as committee on printing Comrades Ed. S. Walker, George H. Piatt and W. Y. Smith.

On motion the Assistant Quartermaster General was instructed to purchase a copy of the picture taken of Comrades of the Encampment at the Capitol Building and present the same to Wadsworth Post.

No further business appearing, the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

General Orders.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HELENA, MONTANA, April 19, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 1. }

I. Having been elected Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Montana, I hereby assume the duties of the office and enter upon the work for the coming year. In doing so I most respectfully ask the co-operation of every officer and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and may the year of 1901 be one of the most prosperous years of our noble order.

II. The officers elected and installed, together with the staff officers appointed by the Department Commander, are as follows:

Department Commander—Comrade F. P. Sterling, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Senior Vice Commander—Comrade J. D. Jenks, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Junior Vice Commander—Comrade A. E. Gloyd, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Medical Director—Comrade R. M. Whitefoot, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Department Chaplain—Comrade G. W. Jenkins, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Comrade Henry N. Blake, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Comrade Wilbur F. Sanders, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Comrade H. S. Howell, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Comrade R. E. Fisk, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Comrade J. L. Albritton, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Representative to the National Encampment—Comrade Marion R. Shade, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Alternate—Comrade J. M. Lindley, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Assistant Adjutant General—Comrade Charles F. Gage, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Assistant Quartermaster General—Comrade Ed. S. Walker, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Assistant Inspector General—Comrade J. S. Wisner, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Judge Advocate—Comrade Joseph O. Gregg, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

Chief Mustering Officer—Comrade W. H. H. Dickinson, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

III. Post Commanders will forward to these Headquarters names of Comrades (one from each Post) for appointment as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. Also names of Comrades (one from each Post) for Assistant Inspectors. The above named comrades should be chosen who will act promptly and are willing to perform the duties assigned them. Please attend to this promptly in order that these officers may be placed in the Roster of the Department now being arranged for printing.

IV. Headquarters of this Department for the coming year will be in Room 7 Gold Block, Helena, Montana, and all official communications should be addressed to Comrade Charles F. Gage, Assistant Adjutant General.

FRANK P. STERLING,
Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HELENA, MONTANA, MAY 4, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 2. }

I. Posts of this Department will assemble at such places and at such hours on the 30th day of May, 1901, as their respective commanders may direct, and proceed to cemeteries, there to conduct services in honor of our fallen heroes. Invitations to participate with us should be extended to all soldiers, sailors, the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, school children, and to citizens generally.

II Post Commanders are instructed to obey the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief relative to attendance upon divine service on Sunday, May 26th.

III. As directed by our Commander-in-Chief, Lincoln's Gettysburg address should be read by all Posts as a part of the exercises of Memorial Day. Copies of this address have been forwarded to all Posts in this Department, and Post Commanders are directed to see that the instructions of our Commander-in-Chief are properly carried out.

IV. Post Commanders will cause full reports of Memorial Day services to be forwarded to Rev. G. W. Jenkins, Department Chaplain, at Marysville, Montana.

V. All flags hoisted on Memorial Day should be placed at half-mast.

Comrades:—Holding in reverent memory our Comrades dead, we pay, on this anniversary, a tribute to their devotion and patriotism. An uncounted host who fell in battle, or died on weary marches, or in hospitals on beds of pain during the mighty struggle of a nation for its life, have consecrated the day and made it an occasion of solemn retrospection.

Contemplating their great achievements and all the benignities which have followed their supreme sacrifices, it is also an occasion for sacred rejoicing.

Two mighty hosts, their comrades and their foes, will, on the 30th day of May, recall the splendor of their achievements and give to their valor the tribute of their admiration without discordance.

By our observance of the occasion dedicated to our fallen com-

rades we hope to inspire patriotism and would not strive to make it a fountain of melancholy; it is a day of admiring gratitude; a day to feel the inspiring influence of great examples; a day for high and patriotic resolve, that the Republic they saved, now entering upon a wider theater of action with graver responsibilities, shall be adequate to the task which is thus imposed. In no spirit of frivolity should we approach this anniversary, but in all our ceremonies be to true occasions ever true.

Strewing flowers upon these heroes' graves and decorating them with banners, their names will become a very present and precious impulse wherefrom will come to the nation they saved a more absolute devotion to high ideals.

Nor shall we be permitted on this Memorial Day to forget those who, surviving the vicissitudes of war, whose forms, broken in battle or bent by disease, survived to a later day, but have joined the great army of our dead.

Let us beautify their graves with the flowers of Spring, counting ourselves fortunate that we survive to pay, in the genial spring-time of the season, a tribute of admiring gratitude for the supreme sacrifices they made in the springtime of their lives.

FRANK P. STERLING,
Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HELENA, MONTANA, Sept. 14, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 3. }

The Department Commander of Montana discharges a most painful duty in announcing to the different Posts of this Department the death of the first citizen and statesman of the Republic, William McKinley, our Nation's President and our Comrade.

History will make record of his exploits in war and his conduct and brilliant achievements in administration.

Ours is the tribute of the soldier's heart to the chieftain's memory. Our grief is mitigated by contemplation of the glory of his achievements, the sublime elements of his character, the blessed assurance which he enjoyed of the future, and the peacefulness of repose of his last hours on earth. In humble submission we bow to this fearful blow. "It is God's way; God's will be done."

In honor of our illustrious comrade, whose fame is imperishable, and whose memory the people of the nation will forever cherish, the colors and charters of the different Posts and the badges of comrades will be draped in mourning for sixty days.

The several Posts are requested to attend such public services as may be held commemorative of the illustrious comrade's death on Thursday, the 19th.

By command of

FRANK P. STERLING,
Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,
Asst. Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }
HELENA, MONTANA, Nov. 8, 1901.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

By Circular No. 1 from National Headquarters, forwarded you a few days ago, contributions were asked from all comrades and Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic for the purpose of erecting a memorial at Canton, Ohio, to our late comrade, William McKinley.

In order that there may be no mistakes made in the transmission and proper credits to the donors, as well as to make sure that this Department gets credit for the full amount of its subscription to this fund, Posts and comrades are advised to send all such subscriptions direct to Charles F. Gage, Helena, Montana. A book will be opened at these headquarters in which will be entered the credit in the name of Post or individual, and the whole reported to our next Department Encampment. A receipt will be sent for each subscription and a correct account preserved at these headquarters. The money received will be remitted to the Treasurer of the Monument Committee at Cleveland, Ohio.

By complying with these suggestions our Department will get full credit for all contributions to this laudable cause. While the Department Commander does not urge Posts or members of our Order to contribute to this fund, it is his duty to remind them that our illustrious president was also a comrade; that this brave young comrade has, through the worth of his sturdy manhood, risen from the humble walks of life to the exalted position of president of the greatest republic that ever existed—loved, honored and respected, not alone by his own countrymen, but by all who recognize true manhood and lofty patriotism. It will be an honor for every member of our noble order to have some part, however small, in the building of a monument to the memory of our beloved comrade and martyred president.

By order of

FRANK P. STERLING,
Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HELENA, MONTANA, Nov. 16, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 4. }

I. The Annual Inspection of the Posts of this Department will be made on or before December 31, 1901. The inspection will be made by the Assistant Inspector in those Posts where an Inspector has been appointed. Where no appointment has been made, the inspection will be made by the Senior Post Commander.

Post Commanders must see that this inspection is made and reports of the inspectors forwarded to J. S. Wisner, Department Inspector General, Anaconda, Montana. Blank Reports will be sent to you in a few days by Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General.

II. Post Surgeons will make their Annual Reports by said date and forward them to Dr. R. M. Whitefoot, Medical Director, at Bozeman, Montana. Blanks and envelopes will be sent you under another cover.

III. Post Commanders should see that these reports are made promptly, as herein directed.

IV. Comrade S. A. Swiggett, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, G. A. R., Helena, Montana, is hereby appointed Department Chaplain, vice Geo. W. Jenkins, deceased. Comrade Swiggett will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of

FRANK P. STERLING,
Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 HELENA, MONTANA, March 11, 1902. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 5. }

I. At a meeting of the Council of Administration, held at these Headquarters, the above date, it was decided to hold the Eighteenth Department Encampment in Grand Army Hall, Helena, Montana, on Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th of April next.

II. The Council of Administration, the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General will meet at the office of the Assistant Quartermaster General, at Helena, on the morning of the 24th of April, to examine the books of the Department.

III. The Commander of Wadsworth Post No. 3 will detail a comrade to act as Officer of the Day, one comrade as Officer of the Guard, and two comrades to act as Sentinels during the Encampment. The Commander will instruct these comrades to report to the Assistant Adjutant General, at Grand Army Hall, at 10 o'clock A. M., April 24th, for duty.

IV. The following comrades are hereby appointed a committee on credentials: Charles F. Gage, Assistant Adjutant General; Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General; George H. Piatt and Fred Loomis of Wadsworth Post No. 3.

V. The railroads have made the usual rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan, on a basis of fifty or more in attendance. This rate also applies to the Woman's Relief Corps, their Annual Convention being held in Helena on the same dates as the G. A. R. All persons buying tickets will pay one full fare going to Helena, and be sure and ask the ticket agent for a return certificate; this certificate must be signed by the Assistant Quartermaster General, Ed. S. Walker, in order to obtain the return rate of one and one-third fare. The above rate will be good two days prior to the opening of the Encampment, and the certificate must be presented to the ticket agent at Helena not later than one day after the adjournment of the Encampment.

VI. The hotels and boarding houses will make the usual reduced rates for delegates, comrades and their families. Meals can be had at from 25 cents up, and rooms from 50 cents to \$1 per day.

VII. The delegates and alternates should be careful to have their credentials properly made out and signed before leaving for the Encampment. All necessary arrangements are being made by Wadsworth Post No. 3 to make the Encampment a successful one.—Not only Wadsworth Post, but the Capital City of Montana, invites the “Old Boys” of 1861-5 to make Helena their home during the Encampment, and will heartily welcome you upon this occasion. Boys, do not fail to be present at roll call.

By command of

FRANK P. STERLING,
Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS--1902.

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

LEVI E. HOLMES Bozeman

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER:

T. J. MAINS Livingston

MEDICAL DIRECTOR:

C. B. MILLER Helena

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN:

T. C. DAVIDSON Anaconda

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A. E. GLOYD Virginia City

H. S. HOWELL Helena

E. H. BRUCE Butte

J. S. WISNER Anaconda

A. SHORT Anaconda

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT:

N. H. MORLEY Columbia Falls

ALTERNATE:

S. A. SWIGGETT Helena

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL:

W. Y. SMITH Bozeman

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ED. S. WALKER Helena

INSPECTOR GENERAL:

F. A. FOSTER Sheridan

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

JOSEPH O. GREGG Great Falls

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER:

J. M. LINDLEY Bozeman

SENIOR AIDE AND CHIEF OF STAFF:

GEORGE H. PIATT Helena